



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

MEETING MINUTES

West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force

December 12, 2016

7:00 PM

Rm 422

1. Roll Call

Member	Present	Alternates	Present
Catherine Diviney	x	Vacant (resident)	
Robert Palmer		Max Dubuisson	x
Bernie Pelletier	x	Vacant (staff)	
Joe Campanella			
Chris Nelson	x		
Total	(3 needed for quorum)		
Additional Attendees	Mitch Lewis, Gerry Hayes, Dave Mello, James Capella, Ted Loewenthal		

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Nov 21, 2016 - approved

3. Communications/Administration

- a. Dave Mello – alternate, submitted. Town Council meets Dec 13.
- b. 2017 Meeting dates – submitted to Town Clerk

4. Ongoing Business

- a. Hotel LEED – Jan 9:
 - Discussion of the LEED status of Delmar Hotel scheduled. Expected a written report and a conference call.
- b. Street Lights / Energy Projects:
 - Town Electrician is preparing to install test GE fixtures. There are 15 Watt and 25 Watt options. Also a choice of color “temperature”.
- c. Energy / Recycling Plan:
 - Discussion of “Pay as You Throw” program. If adopted it should present no burden on haulers to implement this program.
 - The town has received additional incentives of about \$600,000 which will enable more energy projects to be completed within the allotted budget.
- d. Stretch Energy Code – Tim Mikloiche, Jan 9:
 - Date moved to 2/13. Tim will engage the Task Force in a discussion of the practical implications of building codes in WH as related to the goal of improving energy efficiency. This is a foundational meeting for further discussion in 2017.
- e. Outreach Plan for 2017:

- Extensive discussion resulting in the following direction:
 - i. We will undertake outreach to business and residences
 - ii. Business outreach includes schools, churches, and non-profits
 - iii. There was recognition that 2016's efforts increased HES adoption from 12% to 15%
 - iv. Outreach to business will entail outreach to Chamber of Commerce and neighborhood business associations. James Capella and Bernard Pelletier to meet with Chamber of Commerce before next meeting.
 - v. Jan 24th Light Bulb Swap and HES presentation scheduled for Bishop's Corner Senior Center
 - vi. Preliminary discussion aimed at making our residents aware of the myriad of Energize and Clean Communities programs.
 - vii. Recognition that we will produce a written plan for 2017 similar to what was produced in 2016.
 - viii. Recognition that we need to understand the merchant point of view when selling appliances (i.e. – are programs part of the sales process?).
 - ix. Discussion to continue at next meeting
 - x. As plans are developed they will be shared with the Mayor and Town Council.
- CT Clean Energy Communities Statistics (attached). Report available at: <http://www.ctenergydashboard.com/CEC/Home.aspx#>
- Residential/Municipal/Business Options (attached)

5. New Business

- a. EnergyStar certification awarded for Hall HS and Sedgwick MS:
 - Hall HS and Sedgwick MS have been awarded Energy Star certification, recognizing that they are in the top quartile in terms of energy efficiency. It is possible that Smith school will achieve this designation after work is completed. Also Charter Oak school (new building) is expected to achieve this award after the requisite 12 month evaluation is completed.
 - Other schools may not achieve this level of efficiency because of the age of the building and the manner in which it was built.

6. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM